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SUBJ: THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT CRISIS

1. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT, FOLLOWING HIS MARCH 17 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK, RESTATED HIS PARTY'S WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT PROVIDED THAT EARLY ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD. HOWEVER, THIS TIME HE SAID THAT THE RPP, IN ADDITION TO BEING READY TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A GOVERNMENT, WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO SUPPORT IT WITH ITS VOTE "FROM OUTSIDE" (I.E. WITHOUT HAVING MEMBERS IN THE CABINET). WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE ENDORSED THE IDEA OF A DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) PLUS TECHNOCRATS GOVERNMENT WITH RPP PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT, HE SAID: "NATURALLY THIS CAN BE CONSTRUED, BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO DETAILS...WHEN I SAY IN GREAT DETAIL WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT DO, AS YOU KNOW FROM PAST EXPERIENCE IT IS CLAIMED THAT THE RPP IS EXTENDING RIGID CONDITIONS. I DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THAT IMPRESSION... WE ARE WAITING FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO TAKE A FINAL STAND ON THIS SUBJECT."

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2. EARLIER, SADRETTIN BILGIC, THE LEADER OF THE DP DISSIDENTS

GROUP WHICH PREVIOUSLY FAVORED COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONALIST FRONT, ANNOUNCED THAT HIS GROUP WOULD SUPPORT THE DP AND TECHNOCRATS FORMULA, ON THE CONDITION THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH IT COULD BE HEADED BY AN INDEPENDENT, WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONTAIN MORE THAN SIX OR SEVEN TECHNOCRATS. BILGIC RULED OUT A DP-RPP COALITION, HOWEVER.
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